

Amendments to the Specification

Change page 1, lines 1-~~10~~<sup>9</sup>, as follows:

**TITLE OF THE INVENTION**

**METHOD FOR PRODUCING MEAT PRODUCTS AND PROCESSED MEAT**  
**PRODUCTS COATED WITH CURDLAN GEL FILM**

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**1. Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates to a method for producing meat products and processed meat products coated with a film of curdlan gel, ~~as well as to a method for producing such meat products.~~